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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)**  
**AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005 and December 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.